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SUBJECT: US COMMENT ON TURKISH CYPRIOT CONSTITUTION

REF: A) NICOSIA 1548; B) STATE 108181

1. EMBASSY ANKARA RECEIVED REFTEL A OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 9. WE IMMEDIATELY DRAFTED SHORT TELEGRAM EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO RECOMMENDATIONS REFTEL A ON GROUND THIS WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT SERVE USG INTERESTS AS VIEWED FROM HERE. OUR REASONING WAS THAT USG VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE KNOWN IN APPROPRIATE QUARTERS IN ATHENS AND ANKARA AND THAT A PUBLIC STATEMENT NOW FROM NICOSIA, WHILE NOT ALTERING THE COURSE OF EVENTS, WOULD BE AN UNNECESSARY EXACERBATION OF OUR RELATIONS WITH GOT WHICH ARE TENUOUS AT BEST THESE DAYS. AFTER OUR MESSAGE HAD BEEN PREPARED AND WAS IN THE CODEROOM, WE RECEIVED REFTEL B WHICH REACHED US JUST SHORTLY AFTER OPENING OF BUSINESS HERE.

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2. WHILE WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT OCCASIONALLY SITUATIONS SUCH

AS THAT REPORTED ABOVE INADVERTENTLY TAKE PLACE, WE WOULD
URGE -- IN VIEW OF THE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES
OF CURRENT US-TURKISH RELATIONS -- THAT A PARTICULAR EFFORT
BE MADE AT THIS TIME TO INSURE THAT TRAFFIC HAVING A DIRECT
BEARING ON US-TURKISH RELATIONS BE HANDLED IN SUCH A WAY
THAT THIS EMBASSY HAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT BEFORE
DECISIONS RESPECTING IT ARE MADE.
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